

**COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM**  
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**Government Reform to Consider Legislation Aimed At  
Government Reorganization, Ending Duplication**

**What: GOVERNMENT REFORM COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING**

**When: Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 A.M.**

**Where: ROOM 2154, RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING**

The Committee on Government Reform will hold a business meeting on Thursday, July 20, 2006, at 9:30 A.M. to consider the following:

- **H.R. 3282**, the Abolishment of Obsolete Agencies and Federal Sunset Act of 2005;
- **H.R. 5766**, the Government Efficiency Act.;
- **Committee Report** entitled "*Brownfields: What Will It Take to Turn Lost Opportunities Into America's Gain?*";
- **H.R. 5664**, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 Cooper Street in Babylon, New York, as the "Jacob Fletcher Post Office Building";
- **H.Res. 605**, To recognize the life of Preston Robert Tisch and his outstanding contributions to New York City, the New York Giants Football Club, the National Football League, and the United States;
- **H.Res. 823**, To commend the outstanding efforts by members of the faith-based and community organizations in response to Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita; and
- **H.Res. 901**, To Honor former President William Jefferson Clinton on the occasion of his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday

### ***Committee Report on Brownfields: What Will It Take to Turn Lost Opportunities Into America's Gain?***

Over the last year and a half, the Federalism and Census Subcommittee has conducted a series of hearings to determine: (1) the state of Brownfield's redevelopment across the country; (2) the effect of the Federal and numerous State Brownfield's programs on remediation and redevelopment; and (3) what further actions Congress could take to encourage more aggressive remediation and redevelopment efforts. This report contains the findings and recommendations that resulted from the Subcommittee's investigation.

#### **H.R. 5766, the Government Efficiency Act**

H.R. 5766 was introduced by Rep. Tiahrt on July 12, 2006. The legislation authorizes the establishment of a bipartisan commission to study whether a specific aspect of federal government operations would function more efficiently and effectively if some or all of the relevant federal programs and agencies were reorganized, consolidated, abolished, expanded, or transferred. Any legislative recommendations by the commission would be considered in Congress pursuant to expedited procedures. This bill was the subject of a Government Reform Committee legislative hearing on Wednesday.

#### **H.R. 3282, the Abolishment of Obsolete Agencies and Federal Sunset Act of 2005**

H.R. 3282 was introduced by Rep. Kevin Brady on July 14, 2005. The legislation would establish a bipartisan Federal Agency Sunset Commission to review and evaluate the efficiency and public need for every federal agency on a periodic basis and report its recommendations to Congress. The legislation would require a federal agency to be abolished within one year of the Commission's review unless Congress either reauthorized the agency or extended the deadline for abolishment. This bill was the subject of a Government Reform Committee legislative hearing on Wednesday.

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